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## NLRB Files Charges in Bingo Strike

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On behalf of Lehigh Valley GMB and Boulevard Bingo IU630 Job Shop, the National Labor Relations Board has filed formal charges against Boulevard Bingo management. In a complaint that runs over 10 pages, bingo owners John Havassy and Joseph Fillman are charged with illegally firing workers in order to prevent a union, illegally altering work rules to discourage union activity, illegally intimidating workers who had given testimony or filed charges before NLRB, interfering with NLRB process, and several other violations. The NLRB will also seek an "Order to Bargain," which would force Bingo management to recognize the IWW as collective bargaining agent for the bingo workers, and to begin contract negotiations. The matter will be heard June 1, 1993 by a Federal Administrative Law Judge in Philadelphia.

In addition, the Feds are attempting to obtain a Section 10(j) injunction against the bingo hall, which would order Havassy and Fillman to cease their illegal actions, and jail them for contempt of court if they continue to defy the Regional Director's findings.

The Lehigh Valley IWW Branch has been waging a bitter 8-month struggle to unionize workers at the bingo hall in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Boulevard Bingo is run by two nonprofit organizations, as a fundraiser. The hall employs about 15 part-time workers. The hall is managed by John Havassy, along with his wife Charlene. John Havassy, who is president of the Penn. Association of Songwriters, Composers and Lyricists (PASCAL), is no stranger to local law enforcement officials. PASCAL, which bills itself as "A Nonprofit Organization Dedicated to the Advancement of the Musically Creative," is supposed to use the money from its bingo operation to help struggling songwriters.

However, according to its own

treasurer's report 1991-92, PASCAL brought in \$160,000 and gave only \$3,696.38 to "songwriters' activities." Havassy, who lives in a large suburban house equipped with a gym and jacuzzi, is currently under investigation by Lehigh County District Attorney Robert Steinberg, for possible mis-use of bingo funds. Havassy has also been the object of Pennsylvania State Crime Commission and State Bingo Commission interest, for his possible ties to organized crime.

In January 1992, bingo hall management attempted to impose a new set of work rules, which included mandatory drug testing and strip searches. In response, the bingo workers wrote letters of protest to management and began to explore the possibility of forming a union. When Havassy found out about the organizing effort, he retaliated with a campaign of verbal harassment and intimidation. Between February and June, 4 workers were fired for being "troublemakers."

Things came to a head in mid-June after yet another worker was fired for organizing activities. Five workers walked off the job and picketed to demand re-instatement of their fired co-workers. As a result, all 5 were locked out and also fired. Havassy expected the picketers -- all but one of whom are women -- to simply give up and go home. Instead, all ten of the fired workers affiliated with the IWW, which filed charges on their behalf with NLRB, set up a continuous picket line and called for a boycott against the bingo hall.

After failing to obtain a court injunction against the picket, management turned to more violent methods, threatening picketers with physical harm. Scabs tried to run their cars into picketers, and Charlene Havassy rammed her truck into one IWW organizer's car (while he was still in it).

In late September the NLRB Regional Director ruled that Boulevard Bingo was guilty of illegally firing 10 workers to prevent organizing activity, and ordered re-instatement with full back pay -- an amount that is now in the neighborhood of \$60,000. After the ruling was issued, John Havassy informed the IWW he did not intend to obey it, and escalated the conflict by altering the work rules, attempting to force union supporters to quit their jobs. Pro-union workers, who had never received a disciplinary notice in years, suddenly began receiving 10-15 warnings a day. Within weeks a union supporter was "indefinitely suspended," while another was locked in a room and forced to sign a paper saying she had quit her job.

The union responded with a new series of NLRB charges, also cultivating sympathetic contacts with the board of directors and the membership of the two nonprofit organizations that own the bingo hall. The bingo hall also began to experience an increasing number of creative incidents which crippled operations and forced management to hire round-the-clock security. By the end of October, it looked like management was about to cry "Uncle!" Management's attorney contacted the IWW with a settlement offer, and to prove his good faith had the fired workers returned to their jobs. Negotiations quickly ended, however, after all of the re-instated workers were fired again, within two days.

As of now, Havassy literally has no friends left, and has been beset by defections and betrayals. Nearly all the scab workers who have been keeping the hall running, are now closet union supporters, and have been passing us information. One of PASCAL's board members has gone over to the union, and has filed his own unfair labor practice charges against Boulevard Bingo. And even Havassy's lawyer is

getting pissed off that John and Charlene continue to ignore his advice and escalate the conflict. As a result of this "inside info," Havassy can't even take a shit without us knowing within minutes what color it is. The IWW will continue to fight by any means necessary, until the workers have all been reinstated, received full back pay, and are protected by an IWW contract.

The Boulevard Bingo fight, while only a small shop of 15 workers, is important for the labor movement. As the traditional high-wage unionized employers like Bethlehem Steel and Mack Trucks move out of the Lehigh Valley, we have seen more and more workers forced into low-wage, non-union jobs with small employers. And the majority of workers across the nation work in shops employing fewer than 20 people. Despite these facts, most unions have an unwritten policy of not attempting to organize any workplace that has fewer than 50 workers. For most of these workers, the labor movement is simply not relevant, because nobody is reaching out to them. We have talked to many workers who have approached other unions for help, and been turned down. The LV Branch sees its role as attempting to fill this niche, by organizing those who otherwise would remain unorganized.

The Lehigh Valley Wobblies are asking fellow workers to support their struggle. Send letters of outrage to: John Havassy, President, PASCAL, 1514 Union Blvd., Allentown PA 18103. (please send us a copy so we can keep count) Also, many of the strikers have gone through 8 months of financial hardship. Please send contributions to the IWW's Solidarity Fund for the Boulevard Bingo workers. **Contact: Lehigh Valley IWW, PO Box 4133 Bethlehem PA 18018.**

## IWW Joins NAFTA Border Blockade

HIGHGATE SPRINGS, VT- Burlington area Industrial Workers of the World joined about 50 people protesting the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on Sunday, April 4th, at the US-Canadian border. Vermont State Police and the US Border Patrol moved in after demonstrators blocked Interstate 89 just south of the Highgate Springs Port of Entry. Police managed to open one lane of southern traffic flow but the protesters held on to another lane forcing delays and a chance for information to be passed on to truckers and other motorists. There were no arrests but some demonstrators were pushed over by Vermont Police and one person was physically assaulted by a US Border Patrol officer.

Groups participating in the anti-NAFTA action included representatives of the Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC); University of Vermont Student Environmental Program (V-STEP); students for Action, Solidarity, Equality, Environment and Development (A-SEED); Earth First!, the Native Forest Network (NFN), the IWW, and farmers from both sides of the border. Students from four different universities, and as far away as New Hampshire, participated. There were solidarity demonstrations at the Arizona-Mexico border and also at Detroit (MI)-Windsor (ON).

Prior to the blockade protesters passed customs and rallied at the border marker. Numerous speakers told of the harmful effects that NAFTA would have on workers, women, and the

environment.

Orin Langelles, a Wob and representative of the NFN said, "The IWW many years ago said, 'the working class and the employing class have nothing in common.' Those words are as true today as they were uttered first in 1905.

"Today we're standing on the political border of the US and Canada. It must be noted that this is traditional Abenaki (Native American) territory. This spot on earth was stolen from the indigenous people to better commandeer trade and promote profits for the rich elite at the expense of the indigenous people's livelihood and culture, and of course, the earth.

"NAFTA carries on the tradition of plunder to benefit the few, while exploiting the many, and of course, the earth. NAFTA is quite simply an attempt to legitimize the multi and trans national corporations ability to suck up the wealth from the rest of the world while pitting workers in one country against workers of another country at the expense of the entire working class."

Langelles went on to denounce working conditions in Mexico, the exploitation of the forests of Canada and Mexico by multi-national corporations, and concluded by saying, "The multi-nationals have formed puppet governments in North America. There is no democracy concerning NAFTA. No vote of the people will be counted. So it's up to us to rise up and give a clear message to the

multi-nationals, Go to Hell!"

After the rally, the demonstrators moved back to the US side of customs while chanting, "Hey, Hey, Ho, Ho--Corporate Greed has Gotta Go!" and carried banners, some of which read, "There Are No Jobs on a Dead Planet" and "Earth First! -- Profits Last."

Activists then moved into I-89, locking arms and blocking the interstate. Police and the Border Patrol could only free one of the lanes as a line of women held their ground. They were joined by others and held off police attempts to move them. After about an hour on the interstate, the protesters felt they made their point and dispersed promising more civil disobedience in the future.

NFN activist, Micha DeLiuda, one of the women who held her ground during the blockade said, "We thought that doing civil disobedience was an effective way to alarm people of the seriousness of the situation and that we were willing to risk arrest to have a louder voice."

In December of last year, the Presidents of the US and Mexico and the Prime Minister of Canada signed the NAFTA in order to liberalize trade and deregulate investment among the three countries. Labor organizations, environmentalists, small farmers and consumer groups in all three countries are against the NAFTA for the devastating effects it will have. The NAFTA still has to be approved by the US congress and Canadian Parliament. However former President Bush put the NAFTA on what is called the "Fast

Track." Many believe that President Clinton will push NAFTA through the predominantly democratic congress. Congress can make no amendments to the agreement as it is written.

### SOME NAFTA FACTS

The NAFTA can weaken US and Canadian environmental, health and safety laws if they are interpreted as "barriers to trade."

The minimum wage in the US is \$4.25 per hour. The minimum wage in the maquiladora (the industrialized region where Mexican workers are exploited by foreign corporations), is \$0.51 per hour.

Canadians are in danger of losing their socialized health care and education systems. These systems have been threatened by the free trade agreement between the US and Canada since its installation in 1989. Expanding free trade under the NAFTA will intensify the situation.

Small farmers will be in competition with agribusinesses moving to Mexico for fast, cheap and unsustainable food production. This will result in the loss of more small farms in all three countries.

Competition between Canada and the US has resulted in Canada having one of the lowest corporate tax rates in the industrial world. Thus in the late 80's, Canadian corporations which generated \$25 billion in profit paid no tax at all. The working class had a 44% increase in taxes.

In essence, only multi-national corporations and special interests that control the puppet governments will benefit from the NAFTA. --(X334586)



# Dear Fellow Workers,



Fellow Workers,

There is a new group forming down here in "Bayou Land". We have 3 IWW members and a couple more on the way. We're ready to build an ass-kicking, militant Union in the Deep South. Keep up the good work on the IW! It seems you all have some great ideas on how to improve the paper. We hope they become reality so we can use the IW as an organizing tool for the slave wage workers in the evil petrochemical industries of Louisiana and for all the workers who are ready to fire their bosses! --IWW member

Dear FWs and editors,

I was grateful you considered our journal, Utopian Worker, worthy of review. I was also glad to see that the reviewer, Jon Bekken, pointed out the spiritual kinship the journal has with the Christian Socialist tradition. Nevertheless, I feel compelled to clear up a couple of inaccuracies in Bekken's review. First, it would be inaccurate to say that Christian socialism is the focus of the Utopian Worker, much less that it is "more Catholic than the Protestantism of the original Christian Socialists," since most of the contributors are not Christian, and more than half of those who are Christian are in fact Protestant. The journal, as was stated on the copyright page, is "a non-sectarian annual devoted to the art and spirituality of liberation." It is not therefore, even a specifically "Christian" journal. Nor are we, as Bekken seems to conclude, "Marxist," even if many of our contributors would consider themselves as such.

A second inaccuracy, and more disturbing to me, was the conclusion Bekken drew at the end of the review.

To say that our journal displays "ambivalence towards class struggle and social revolution" is not only inaccurate but irresponsible. If Bekken had read the introduction, which was a mere page in length and inserted at the beginning, he would have noticed that we dedicated our journal to "people of color in their struggle against racism; to women in their struggle for equal rights and freedom of choice; to working people struggling to control their workplace; to all who defend the earth against those who recklessly work to destroy it; in short, to all the oppressed of the earth." I don't know how we could have made our editorial position, our class loyalty and our revolutionary intentions more clear. But given Bekken's quaint biases (what he calls "non-Marxist materialism"), it seems our clearest statements have fallen on deaf ears. Yours,

--Clifton Ross  
editor, Utopian Worker

*Reviewer responds: I cannot speak to the editors or their intentions, but a great many of the contributions were heavily Catholic and many of them explicitly reject revolution and class struggle (as I showed in my quote). The editors may feel the authors have other merits that override their anti-revolutionary posture, but they must realize that readers judge (and properly so) a journal by its contents, not its intentions. --Jon Bekken*

Dear Colleagues,

More than 75% of the non-management employees of Harper Collins San Francisco Publishers have petitioned to be represented in collective bargaining by the Communications Workers of America

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Dear Sisters & Brothers:

The members of Allied Industrial Workers of America (AFL-CIO), Local 837, Decatur Illinois, want to update you on our struggle at AE Staley Mfg. Co., and to enlist your support.

Local 837 has launched a Corporate Campaign against Staley and its British parent, Tate & Lyle. We've prevented Staley from locking us out. Most recently our boycott of First of America Bank led to the resignation of Staley

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### Marine Transport Workers

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Brewster MA 02631

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Salem Square, Worcester MA 01608

CEO Robert Powers from the Bank's board. Locally, our members and friends have leafletted homes & businesses, plant gates, and held demonstrations.

Tate & Lyle is an international enemy of labor, relentlessly pursuing an anti-union agenda of concessions and total management control. In response, we are promoting a boycott of Tate & Lyle's sugar products. (Domino sugar is already a boycott target of NYC-based ILA #1814, on strike since Oct.3).

Brand names are Domino, GW, and Redpath.

--Campaign to Fight Union Busters,  
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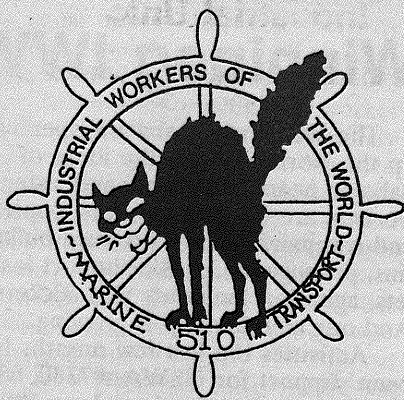
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The Maritime Worker is the voice and record of the Marine Transportation Workers; Industrial Union #510 of the Industrial Workers of the World (Wobblies).

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The 510 is inclusive, and encourages members to align with us, rather than excluding workers on trade or craft lines or the numbers in a given field. We believe that workers can achieve power, and eventual freedom when we are ALL organized -- together.

The Maritime Worker of IU 510 is a challenge and an invitation. It is a challenge to organized workers to accept the burden of the responsibility that has come to us, along with the benefits and privileges which our predecessors have fought and died for -- the responsibility to not only preserve these things, but to expand our agreements, improve workplace conditions and protection for our fellow workers, remembering that a contract is only a beginning, and must be improved through daily activity until we control production.

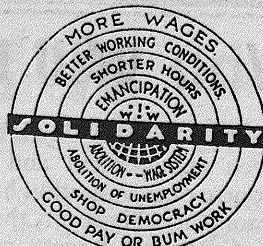
To un-organized workers, we extend an invitation -- join us. We believe that "bosses take care of bosses, and labor takes care of labor" -- our interests are not, and can never be the same. We embody the fighting spirit of the waterfront and the ships at sea. We believe in the power that is wielded by the hands of organized workers. We also believe in the ability to run and shape the world of tomorrow -- a world without bosses. Our sisters and brothers are being crushed at every turn, and therefore we believe that AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL.

The Maritime Worker will present news of progress towards these goals, items of interest to Maritime Workers, communications from our Fellow Workers at large, and official notice of the business of the Union... The Maritime Worker needs the support and supervision of its constituents. We welcome information, criticism, communication, from workers anywhere. We seek editorial or journalistic articles, photos, drawings, cartoons, anything that will make this paper a more effective organ for the IU 510.

With this introduction, challenge and invitation, we set our course. We are the power, we have the will -- we fight the good fight.

STEADY AS SHE GOES!

# Around the Industrial Unions I.W.W.



The Chicago General Membership Branch  
salutes International Workers Day -- May 1st

Remember the Haymarket Martyrs and work  
for a world where everyone is free of  
oppression in the workplace!

For a world without infighting and factionalism!

## Entertainment Workers Interview: Colorado T. Sky

Fellow Worker Sky is editor of *Buskers Rag*, newsletter for IU630 workers. Contact: PO Box 1400 Brewster MA 02631.

**What is the purpose and focus of *Buskers Rag*?** Generally, lighting up the Union's three stars, but for now we're mostly working on organization. More specifically, to let musicians and performers know that THEY are the basis of the industry. Not the promoters, not the producers, not the club owners, but the performers, and they should be treated accordingly; not like slaves on a venue table.

**You've been involved with other publications?** I've been a published poet since 1969, but it's only in the past few years I've become active as an editor/publisher. That came about principally out of my attempts to get the word out through an uninterested commercial press structure. My work has appeared in 20 issues of a dozen national magazines, and I'm getting a fair reputation as a performance poet, but a lot of my energy is going into alternative press; the *Buskers Rag*, the *Highway Poet* (bi-monthly from Highway Poets, MC - the association of published bikers; Sky is co-founder and current National Secretary), *Vox Anarchie*, and *Mailstrom*, the international lunatic pen-pal magazine (quarterly), and smaller local magazines. There's not a lot of money in it, but if

I wanted cash, I'd be jackin' up liquor stores.

**What are some of the problems faced by entertainment workers, that would make them want to organize?** Balance and perspective. In the US now, 1% of the entertainment workers account for 70% of the wages paid. Pop culture is probably at its worst in the entertainment industry, to the point where not only are bands playing for nothing, but in the high-concentration areas are actually paying for the privilege. There's no way a club owner can convince me that a band who draws 200 patrons at \$5 a head should have to buy their own beer. The performers are the foundation of this industry, and it's time to relegate the producers and promoters to their peripheral role.

**What, in your opinion, are the potentially most successful strategies for entertainment workers to organize themselves?** Opening our own venues. Co-op halls like Philly's "A-Space" and Time-Tested's (Sacramento) performance co-op are the way to go, I'm convinced. Musicians, like writers, must take a hand in their own exposure or they're going to end up as just another commodity at the mercy of the marketing mercenaries. Regrettably, the

## Education WOB (Workers Organizing Bulletin) Out:

The first issue of the EWIU newsletter is out, featuring articles on "lifeboat management" at a midwestern college, graduate employee organizing, education workers organizing notes, and notes on recent articles about teaching methods, education funding, mismanagement and other concerns. All paid-up EWIU 620 members should have received copies. Others interested in seeing a copy should send \$1 (payable to IWW) to Box 762, Cortland NY 13045.

Since that issue went to press, news of a hunger strike by South Korean education union leaders has reached us. The Korean Teachers and Educational Workers' Union has been struggling for the reinstatement of more than 1,500 dismissed teachers fired for KTU membership. The government has said they can return to work only if the KTU dissolves itself. The hunger strike began February 1st, by members of the Central Executive Board and the heads of provincial branches. They advised the dismissed teachers to return to their classrooms in March, when a new school term begins.

"crank out" then "shop out" method will take creative time for business, but it's taking responsibility for our own careers. I have a lot of faith in FW Giorgio's idea for a Wob Road Show, maybe national, maybe just regional, and I have a converted school bus and the license to drive it that I'd be willing to roll for the cause.

**Do the products created by entertainment workers have any real value to, say, a mine worker or a student working in a fast food place, or an immigrant seamstress in a fashion sweatshop? Or is entertainment a luxury for the rich?** The products of Entertainment workers' labor are of equal, or greater, value, if less concrete in form, than the products of farmers, tailors and cobblers. Poetry, music and dance are the facets of the prism which break the pure white light of life into the brilliant spectrum of humanity. Without them, we might just as well be the drones of the anthill or the workers in the hive. The Entertainment workers' products are as necessary to humanity as food and clothing. They are emotional manna, they are trappings for the soul.

**What about this idea that without capitalism there would not be professional artists, but everyone would create their own art? As long as there is a recognised medium of exchange, there will be capitalism. There may be more or less, depending on the degree of socialism or government interference in the system. There will be those who barter craft or food to the troubador. Singing for your supper is the second-oldest profession.**

We've heard that there may be a poetry exchange of some kind in the IWW. What kind of plans are being discussed for poetry? The problem here is that there is no shortage of ideas and interest. Sorting through them, what looks most feasible now is a quarterly, and I'd like to see it in a top-flight edition. Glossy 60-lb. covers, well laid-out, labor and not-expressly-labor poetry, illustrations and photos, and a short bio from each poet; hometown, IU, some casual information. Once we get the *Buskers Rag* hammered into shape, I'd like to see it as the next project. We have no shortage of talent or interest, and it's basically just a matter of finance -- we have the organisation in place.

## MAY DAY GREETINGS

"The union which says 'there is no occasion for war between employer and employee' and can see nothing wrong in the wage system, which places the worker's life and liberty at the disposal of any employer, cannot be expected to do justice... Such a union is no union at all."

—Albert Parsons, 1885

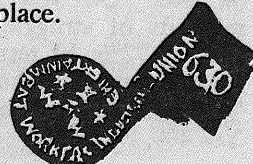
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# Russia

## Workers & Privatization:

A strike at Vorkuta's Vorgashorskaya mine ended Feb. 17 when management accepted the demands of 350 workers who had occupied the mine. The strike, caused by delays in payment of wages, began in December. The strikers demanded that the mine manager be elected by all the workers and nominated Ivan Guridov, the chairperson of the NPG (independent miners' union) cell at the mine. On February 12 the miners stopped work after learning that Guridov had been arrested. That evening 350 of the 1900 miners employed at the mine delivered an ultimatum: they would remain underground until Guridov was set free. The strike and occupation began on February 15.

Guridov had been arrested by special police on his way to a conference of the mine's workplace collective at which he was to be elected "people's manager." He was detained at a bus stop and charged with slander under a complaint lodged by mine manager Yermakov in 1991 claiming that Guridov had implicated the plant administration in beating up a workers' leader. The workers consider that Guridov's arrest was intended as a blow against their union. During the occupation, the ventilation system did not work for more than 13 hours and low levels of the mine began to flood, but the strikers affirmed their readiness to continue the strike until Guridov came down to them. At noon on February 17 the city court set Guridov free on bail of one million rubles, posted by the NPG of Vorkuta. Guridov then went to the mine and went down to the strikers. They came to the surface together.

On Feb. 19 a conference was called to elect the mine manager. It was discovered that it had been the mine's chief engineer who ordered the ventilation turned off for 22 hours. Despite opposition from the mine administration, the conference elected Guridov as mine manager. The NPG describes the situation at the mine as follows: "The struggle between the administration and the majority of workers at the mine is centred on the question of how the property of the state will be distributed, how the mine will be privatised, and whether we, the workers, will be able to enter the market or whether we will have to be content with the remains of the owner's meal. Our aim is to privatise the mine to the benefit of the labour collective, and to work for the sake of Russia."

The fierceness of the struggle can be explained by the fact that the Vorgashorskaya mine is the most profitable in Russia. While miners in other coal enterprises are fighting for guarantees when their mines close after the coal seams are exhausted, the Vorgashorskaya miners are fighting for the right to participate in controlling the enterprise and for a share of the profits from the sale of the coal.

## Workers Speak Out Against Conditions:

The SOTSPROF (an independent union federation) committee in Komsomolsk-on-Amur polled workers at a plant that makes lifting and transporting equipment, asking whether they were satisfied with the ratio of prices to wages. 100% of answered "no," and their dissatisfaction was not passive. According to the poll, 50% of the workers were ready to struggle in order to improve their position. Some other results allow one to characterise the consciousness of rank-and-file unionists and their outlook on life. "Do you prefer: peaceful methods of struggle (rallies, pickets, strikes) 72%; b) terror, armed revolt 22%. A further 6% hesitated to answer. "Does your union defend your interests? Yes 4%; No 88%.

## Who Will Be the Owner?

**Who Will Be the Owner?** Conflicts between management and workers in the course of privatisation have become commonplace. However, the conflict at one of Russia's largest metallurgical combines in Chelyabinsk, producing 70 percent of the country's special-purpose steel, shows how privatisation has given the nomenklatura a real opportunity to turn themselves into capitalists. The scandal arose out of the fact that in the course of the privatisation of the enterprise, 86 managers at various levels organised a joint stock company behind the workers' backs. These managers have become the owners of the industrial giant, paying for it with an interest-free loan of 1.8 billion rubles, to be repaid in steel. The 86 "businessmen" gained the right to purchase shares worth 15 million rubles, while ordinary employees could subscribe to shares worth 50,000 rubles at most. The machination was revealed by pure chance. The situation was complicated by the involvement of trade union leaders.

On Feb. 12, more than 600 workers and engineers held a meeting and issued a call for the setting up of a strike committee: "This affair has exposed the savage greed of the trade union and economic nomenklatura, and their pathological contempt for the interests of workers and engineers.

Keeping workers under constant pressure, and showing contempt for the honesty and dignity of workers and engineers, the management and the union bosses have demonstrated their fidelity to the methods of the Stalino-Brezhnevite CPSU and their willingness to use any illegal means to bring about privatization to their benefit. The union and the economic mafia of the combine are prepared to do anything to preserve their sinecure. To bring about the organised resistance of the working people of the combine to the union and the economic mafia, we must set up strike committees at the level of the combine and in all the shops...

"If the management and its supporters act against the interests of working people, and if another attempt at nomenklatura privatisation is made, the strike committee will call for a strike as the ultimate means of defending workers' rights. The strike committee calls for the setting up of independent trade unions in order to put an end to the arbitrary actions of the administration." This is the most important moment for the combine in the last 50 years. The question is one of deciding who will be the combine's owner, either the labour collective or a group of nomenklatura mafiosi.

## Russian Labor Activist

**Kiril Buketov**, an editor at the Workers and Trade Unions Movement Information Center, KAS-KOR in Moscow, and co-producer of the weekly radio program *Workers Chronicles*, visited the San Francisco Bay Area in December, bringing a more "grass-roots" view of what's happening in the former Soviet Union than we usually get in the news media. The following interview is excerpted from *Independent Politics*:

When was KAS-KOR founded?

Kiril Buketov: KAS-KOR was founded in 1990, during a big mineworkers' strike. It was a big problem for strike committees to organize an exchange of information and how to cooperate because the USSR was a big country. When in one city the strike only started, in another city the strike was finished. It was a very big problem to organize a coordination of activity in different cities. And our official newspapers and magazines and radio and TV gave only false information.

In this situation some strike committees and some new trade unions decided to create an independent information center for the workers' movement. And so we started our work. We collect information every day and spread it in our radio program, in some big newspapers and we started to publish a special information bulletin for workers' organizations every week, and spread it in all the republics of the ex-USSR. About 500 organizations receive our bulletin every week, and they give us information for the bulletin.

KAS-KOR is an independent center. A lot of left people work with us, not only people with a political point of view but also people without political opinions, who are only trade unionists. Democrats too, and organizations which support (Russian President Boris) Yeltsin, and organizations which are against Yeltsin and against reforms work with us. We have a good relation with all independent trade unions in Russia and with some old official trade unions, and with the majority of workers' political organizations, with strike committees in different cities, with the miners' movement, with the air traffic controllers' movement.

We are an organization which gives workers the opportunity to go to the radio, to go to the TV, to go to some newspapers, and we organize and spread this information for all the republics of the ex-USSR. For example, our weekly radio program can be heard by about 300 million people. It's great. And we can organize the publication of

workers' articles in the biggest newspapers in Russia. And we help workers to organize the base for publishing their own newspapers.

How can we in the United States help?

In Russia it's very important when the government receives letters from foreign organizations. It's very important because Yeltsin hopes that foreign governments will give money for reforms and when he sees that organizations in the West know about this situation and want to help this trade union, he thinks that this is a question of receiving money from the governments.

For example, one Canadian trade union sent a letter to the Russian embassy in Canada in support of the struggle of the air traffic controllers' and they wrote that Yeltsin said that he wants to build a new democracy but his government organized an operation against democratic trade unions, against free trade unions. So they wrote that if Yeltsin doesn't want to establish real democracy in Russia, we think that our Canadian government shouldn't give money to Yeltsin. For Yeltsin it's not a question of workers' struggles, it's a question of receiving money and it's very important because one letter from the West to Moscow has a very big importance for our struggle.

Then there's the question of the exchange of experience. Our workers' struggle has only been going for some years. We haven't tradition, we haven't experience, we haven't materials about how to organize a workers' struggle. So it's very important to exchange our experiences from the West to Russia and to Eastern Europe.

Then, if you ask me about concrete help, all workers' organizations in Russia have a very big problem with money because if one worker receives only \$20 in a month, a workers' organization can't buy a fax, can't buy a computer, can't buy other technical things. It's very expensive in Russia. I think we can organize concrete ways of financial help. I think it will be best if we can establish contacts between unions in Russia and the United States -- for example, between trade unions of rail workers. I think that representatives of the American Federation of Labor in Russia, they're not really workers. I think that it's important to establish direct contacts. If these contacts are created the workers can discuss what help we need in Russia and what help your union can give to Russian unions. So these are concrete bridges. I think that this is very important.



## Winnipeg IWW

The Winnipeg Wobs are opening up the North. Taking the ideas of Sabo to heart and fellow and sister workers are using computers, copiers and company time to produce bulletins, propaganda, strike support leaflets, agitation handouts and stickers. And our membership is growing...

Activities the last few months have been support for USWA #7360, who have been on strike since June 1992. Scabs have taken over and so far effectively prevented any attempts the union has made to negotiate in good faith. One of our sister workers had her foot run over by a scab-mobile, while the company's cops (City of Winnipeg Police) sat by and watched. The time has come for the strikers to take direct action. But their inexperience on the picket line hinders their efforts. The local's wobs have set out to print a "strike manual" of sorts. We hope to accumulate the wealth of experience we, and others have into a small booklet format. To give these and other strikers some knowledge of how other unions have defended their jobs.

On March 6 we participated in an anti-NAFTA "Hands Across the Border" rally. Where hundreds of workers gathered in Pembina, North Dakota to protest the joining of international right wing forces that began with the Canada/US Free Trade Agreement and continues with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) that incorporates Mexico (The AFL-CIO were really impressed with our IWW and "Abolish Wage Slavery" banners).

### Canada and Free Trade

By the mid-1970s Canadian economic growth had stalled and that put the squeeze on tax revenue. It was big decision time: governments had to cut services -- health care, environmental protection, the social safety net, cultural life -- OR ELSE RAISE TAXES.

They made the cuts. Faith in the quality of service, and the welfare state itself was shaken. Across the North American industrial world, right-wing governments were swept to power with their battle cries against wasteful spending and their simple-minded, let-the-market-do-it plans. We've seen the results of a decade of this nonsense -- in the line-ups outside the food banks, and the homeless everywhere.

There was still money around, of course, even if not much of it ever came to the workers. The 1980s were the decade of the yuppie, of quick fortunes on the futures market and overnight killings in real estate. This wasn't a time to worry about looking after poor folks and making sure the potholes were fixed.

Already theoretically high taxes on the big-money crowd had been whittled away by an endless series of deferments, evasions and loopholes. "Rich" just meant hard to tax -- and armies of high-priced accountants and tax lawyers made a handsome living working out ingenious ways to beat the system.

Then a light bulb went on in some obscure right-wing economic think tank. Let's give the people what they want -- tax reform! The loopholes would be closed, and tax rates could then be cut for everyone. But, through a crafty sleight of hand, only some loopholes were closed. As the "Me first!" decade wore on and the top tax rates of the glitterati plummeted from 58% to 29%, and this was only the tip of the iceberg -- the take from capital gains, inheritance and company taxes all went down while indirect sales taxes on consumer goods shot up -- taking a much higher percentage from the poor and middle class.

A coup d'etat had been carried out by the hucksters and hustlers. The 6-figure income gang was getting away with a massive snatching of the public purse.

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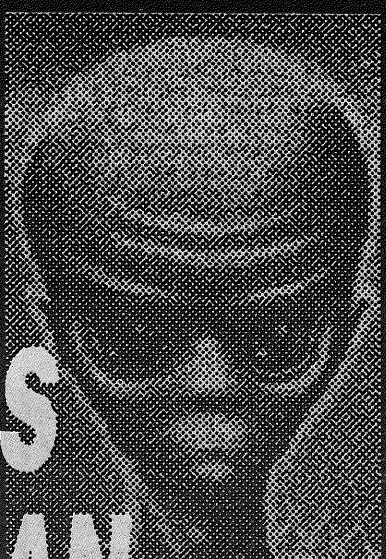
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# WAGE SLAVE PSYCHIC PREDICTS AMAZING MAY DAY REVOLUTION!

# WORKERS SMASH CAPITALISM!



THE WAGE SLAVE WORLD NEWS' OWN PSYCHIC, Rosa Luxumberger, predicts a working class revolution taking place May 1, 1994!

"On that date, the capitalist menace that has been terrorizing our planet for centuries will be overthrown," proclaims Rosa. According to the prediction, the working class rage that has been building up for all those years will finally come to a head in the form of a giant revolutionary fist. The fist will rise up and smash the chains that have bound the workers to an eternity of wage slavery. "Capitalists have been busting our butts for centuries, now its our turn," the syndicalist seer said.

The clash between the working class and the employing class, who have nothing in common, will produce a wage slave utopia in the shell of the old, according to Rosa.

"When the people have burst their chains," predicted the proletarian prophet, "the golden age will have come to pass. No child will starve and no soldier will die, and we'll all be free beneath the sky. No kings will rule, no capitalist drool, when the people have burst their chains."

Among other predictions:

✚ "The workers of the world, having organized as a class, will take

possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

After that, workers are predicted to hold a global 'rave' lasting for several days."

✚ "Elvis will stay alive and begin a world-wide union organizing tour."

✚ "NAFTA will be changed to the North American Free Time Agreement and passed."

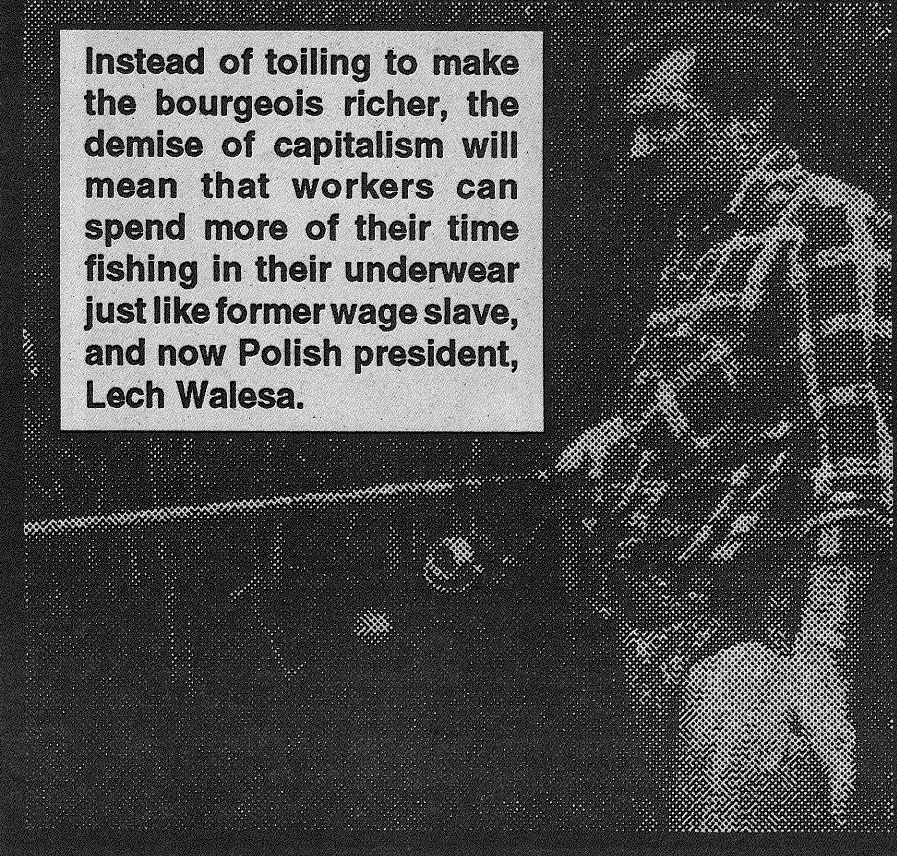
Even with capitalism destroyed, not all workers will agree on what should be done with the means of production. Famous anarchist, Red The Clown, will form a rump group of revolutionaries that Rosa predicts will be called the *Indolent Workers of the World*.

"Our struggle is to take possession of the machinery of production and abolish it altogether," Red will declare. "Instead of the conservative motto, 'Abolish the wage system,' we will inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword, 'Work Sucks'."

"But I ain't sure we can pull this struggle off, it sounds like too much work."

## ...AND CREATE A WAGE SLAVE UTOPIA!

Instead of toiling to make the bourgeois richer, the demise of capitalism will mean that workers can spend more of their time fishing in their underwear just like former wage slave, and now Polish president, Lech Walesa.





# SPACE ALIEN INVADES GENERAL MOTORS AUTO PLANT!



by WINDY MORTIMER  
Special to the Wage Slave

**GENERAL MOTORS' WILLOW RUN assembly plant in Ypsilanti, Michigan has been captured by a space alien!**

The horrifying event occurred February 9, 1993 when a county judge ruled that General Motors could not shut down its Ypsilanti plant. "General Motors is hereby enjoined from transferring its production from the Willow Run plant to any other facility," proclaimed Washtenaw County Judge Donald Shelton.

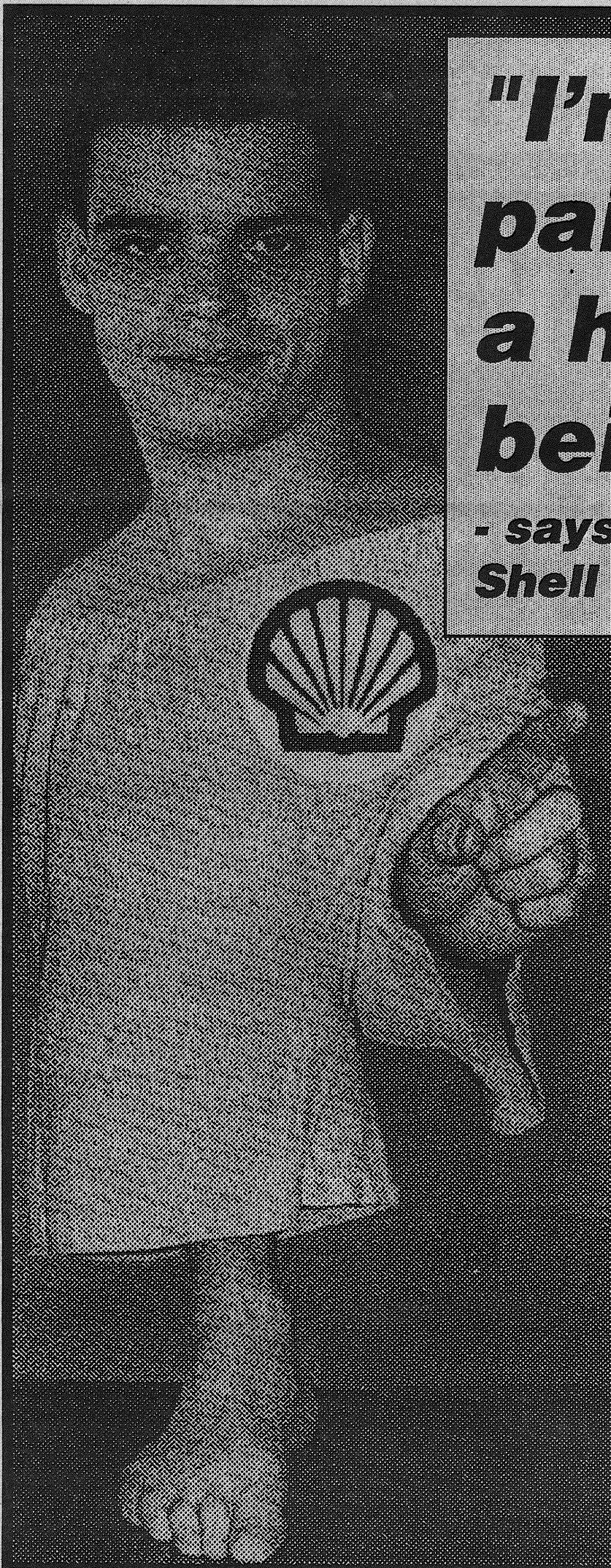
"This guy's gotta be from outer space," said one incredulous capitalist, "no earthman would insult big busine\$\$ like he did."

As a result, corporate board rooms throughout the nation have dubbed Judge Shelton "The Courtroom Klingon".

The bizarre ruling was the result of a 1991 announcement by corporate dictator, Generalissimo Motors, that he would close twenty-one plants and lay off 74,000 workers. The terrified township of Ypsilanti sued to stop the dangerous despot from firing 4,500 of his wage slaves. The Ypsilantians charged that GM took \$1.3 billion in tax breaks to build the Willow Run factory but then decided to move the work to Texas. In his ruling the "Robed Romulan" stated: "There would be a gross inequity and patent unfairness if General Motors, having lulled the people of Ypsilanti area into giving up millions of tax dollars which they so desperately need to educate their children and provide basic governmental services, is allowed to simply decide that it will desert 4,500 workers and their families because it thinks it can make these same cars a little cheaper somewhere else."

The baffled United Automobile Workers union issued a stunned statement charging that, "this judge-from-another-solar-system must be part of an extraterrestrial conspiracy to frustrate the intelligent business decisions of our benevolent bosses."

Generalissimo Motors, infuriated by this judge-from-the-outer-limits, is appealing the ruling to an even higher court.



**"I'm not  
paid to be  
a human  
being!"**

**- says the  
Shell Answer Man**

by GYM HIGHTOWER  
Special to the Wage Slave

**The Shell No-Pest strip, banned in the USA since 1979, is making big money in Mexico for the mutagenic marketer!**

Shell Chemical, a subsidiary of Shell Oil company, was forced to take the toxic strip of insect death off the U\$ market after it killed a man, and was found to be responsible for the poisoning of numerous other human pests. As a result, the Environmental Protection Agency prohibited the sale of the callous cancer-causing chemical.

Shell, determined to kill human pests regardless of meddling government intervention, now sells the sadistic strip in Mexico. The poisonous pinata, called "Shelltox" south of the border, is advertised vigorously, advising users to place it everywhere. The package pictures a Shelltox hanging over a baby's crib.

Asked if he felt bad that Mexican consumers were considered pests, the Shell Answer Man mutantly muttered, "Speaking as a human being, sure you feel bad. But I'm not paid to be a human being."

Indignant wage slaves may pester the sanctimonious Shell by calling 713/241-6161.



# ASTONISHED AGNOSTIC AXED!

**ROBERT KOZLOWSKI, A LAWN SERVICES SALESPERSON for TruGreen/ChemLawn of Plymouth, Massachusetts, was fired for not believing in God!**

According to the Boston Globe, the problem arose last year shortly after Kozlowski's company, ChemLawn, was purchased by ServiceMaster and merged with the latter's subsidiary TruGreen. On returning from a business trip, he received a stunning ultimatum from his new EmPloyers: Sign a statement saying you agree with the firm's mission "to honor God in all we do...and be an ever-expanding and vital market for God" or be TerMinated. The statement also included an agreement that the company

could investigate Kozlowski's personal life and that he would not sue anyone who provided the company information about him - even if the information were false!

"When I got the application, my immediate reaction was, 'You've got to be kidding,'" says Kozlowski. His second reaction was to join a class action suit against the company, filed last November in Boston's First District Court. ServiceMaster's VicePresident RobertBruce denies the company fired Kozlowski: "He apparently chose to leave." And as for the right to investigate the personal lives of employees, "We have to guarantee that when they go to clients' homes or offices, there will be no problems."

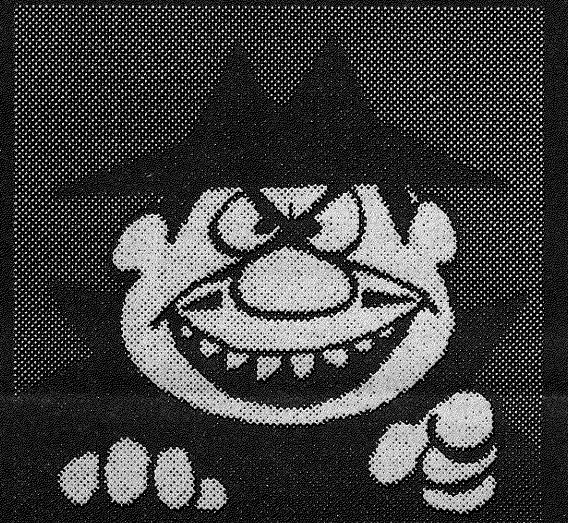
Even though ServiceMaster serves as a vehicle for God, the AllMighty HimSelf refused to reveal all the nasty details of Kozlowski, thereby forcing the company to hire spies.

# ESCAPEE CAUGHT BUILDING PRISON!

A stupid Wisconsin wage slave escaped from a federal prison camp and was captured while working on a construction crew building a new federal prison!

Donald Dodge, 52, was serving a 10-year federal sentence on drug charges when he walked away from Camp Yankton, a federal prison farm in South Dakota. Deputy U.S. Marshal Paul Sever said that the Marshal's service had been keeping track of aliases Dodge used, and located him in Canon City, Col. "He was doing a lot of moving around. I imagine he settled down with a good paying job - it just happened to be building a prison," Sever said.

# Moscow's May Day Was Capitalist Plot!



by JEFF DITZ  
Special to the Wage Slave

**"MOSCOW'S MAY DAY was capitalist plot," retired KGB agent Boris Badenov revealed in an exclusive Wage Slave World News interview.**

According to Badenov, money and movie rights motivated Moscow's motoring May

Day militarists. "We never had tanks in Red Square. It was capitalist film fantasy. Stalin sold movie rights to Roosevelt at Yalta for much hard currency. They both knew that real enemy was working people getting together after smashing Nazi's. Deal was cut so they would be each others evil empire."

Included in the deal were several dreary thirty second shots of Moscow's May Day march of tanks and missiles. In reality, it was a movie set in Siberia. In return, the

USSR propagandists got similar shots of smiling U\$A leaders gazing on tanks and missiles rolling down a secret boulevard in the Nevada desert.

According to Badenov, a capitalist cabal of the CIA's Dulles brothers and the brother's Dullesavich of the KGB worked together throughout WWII. After the war, they divided up the Nazi scientists, found jobs for all the members of the German branch of the Spies Union, and smuggled Hitler, Borman and Eva

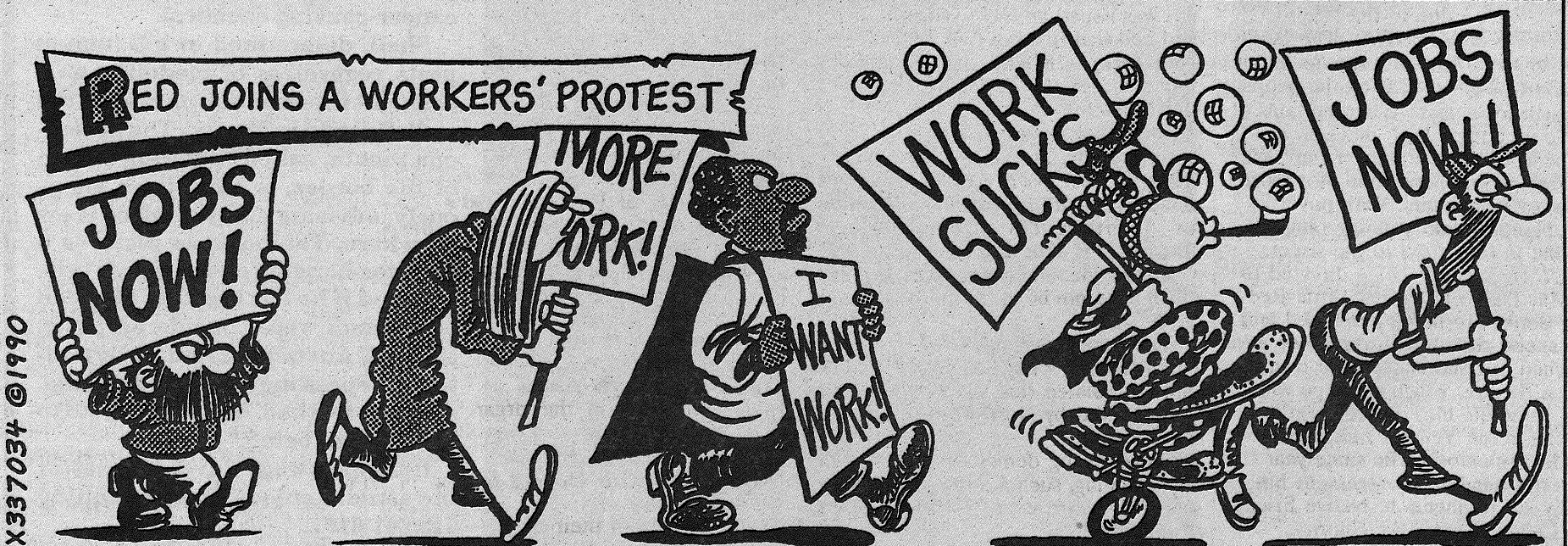
Braun into Argentina. "They found that it was great fun working together," said Badenov. "You should have seen them in Kremlin late at night doing LSD experiments. They got carried away. Remember Khrushchev taking off his shoes at the UN? He was blotto!"

"CIA, FBI and KGB are all one big union, blabbed Badenov, Rocket J. Squirrel was the CIA's chief toonland agent and we worked together for years."

## Red 'n' Noses

The adventures of "Red" the Anarchist Clown

by X337034





**Nigeria** -- Four Awareness League prisoners were released on bail Jan. 29. They must report to State Security Service each week.

The 4 were arrested in June 1992 during a wave of student & worker protests against International Monetary Fund and World Bank-imposed austerity plans, and lack of democratic freedoms. 100 AL members attended the court hearing, along with numerous journalists. As the 4 left the court, there was an attempt to re-arrest them, but this was stoutly resisted by the crowd.

International solidarity and support from other countries have played an important role. Please send International Money Orders, or UK Bank cheques, to:

Awareness League c/o Samuel Mbah, POB 28, Agbani, Enugu State, Nigeria. Please seal the envelope neatly, and use all precautions to conceal its actual contents from mail thieves. --WSA

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According to their formula, all that was wrong -- the high bus fares, lack of housing, the elderly eating dog food sandwiches -- could be fixed by a transfusion of productive capital into the economy from wealthy investors. But, to make them "confident" enough to do it, you had to slash both their taxes, and spending on social welfare. Clever, really: in order to feed children you had to slice child welfare payments!

The lack of proper public services was no problem, if you had dough. Who worries about the spiralling crime rate, if you can afford private security guards and your own razor wire? When the quality of the schools gets too much to bear, you can always park your kids in a private snob hatchery. Why pay taxes to support mediocre services for everybody when you can buy exclusive high-quality services just for yourself?

Our Winnipeg IWW Group has spearheaded militant agitation with the government Unions and the union of the unemployed in rallies opposed to government cutbacks and layoffs. By asking for concession bargaining the province's gov't once again wants to blame workers for the gov't's inability to lead the province or the country.

Manitobans are opposed to the right-wing sellout of our resources, industry and jobs to their corporate buddies (privatization). Lowering our wages and ultimately our services to third world standards will not benefit Manitoba.

Wages and salaries are only 10% of the cost of providing gov't services to Manitobans. Cutting wages by 5% does not solve the problem the right wing created, but tries to divert attention.

### Food Not Bombs

We also gave birth to a chapter of "Food Not Bombs" and set up soup-lines at the two latest demos. The unilateral decision of the Conservative Government to purchase \$5 billion worth of helicopters is an outrage with our crippled economy. The repression is over and the DEPRESSION IS IN FULL SWING due to the NEO-CONSERVATIVE AGENDA. The money spent by the world on weapons in one week is enough to feed all the people on Earth for a year! When millions of people go hungry each day how can we spend another dollar on war? We feel that people need food, not more bombs or helicopters. With poverty and unemployment running rampant, it's time to take food to the street.

Efforts are now being directed to the May Day celebration. Little Red Song Books are being purchased and song sheets distributed. Again we have branched out and started our own protest theatre, which we hope will bring some life into our celebrations.

This is the Year of Indigenous People, remember! The same year that the Canadian Government has deeply cut payments to Native Friendship Centres across the country.

Oh Canada;

Our Home IS Native Land.

--In Solidarity

Sister Worker Joanne Maciag

## Chhattisgarh Mukti Morcha India's Independent Union Movement Fights Against Repression by Bosses and State

At least 20 workers and their children were killed July 1, 1992 when police in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh fired on 5,000 workers carrying out a peaceful demonstration. More than 50 were seriously injured, and many people are still missing. Since then, police have carried out a series of mass arrests of more than 300 labor activists.

The repression is part of efforts to suppress the Chhattisgarh Mukti Morcha (CMM) movement, which is organizing "temporary" and contract workers at local factories who have been ignored by three traditional labor federations. CMM activists say these "temporary" workers actually carry out permanent work, but work in unsafe conditions at below-poverty wages. The war between employers and workers began Sept. 17 1990, when contract workers organized by the CMM held a demonstration to announce the formation of their union. One employer attended the demonstration and began beating workers who participated. Employers then unleashed their private armies on the workers, killing several and beating hundreds more.

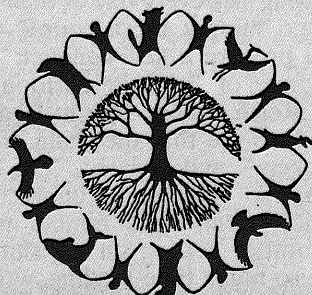
CMM leader Shankar Guha Niyogi was shot dead in his bed on Sept. 28 1991, but the CMM's decentralized structure meant that the union

continued its struggles. Workers surrounded the employers' residential quarter, going on an indefinite fill-up-the-prisons action to force concessions. More than 4,200 workers have been beaten or fired in the last two years for participating in the movement.

The CMM began a Do or Die Campaign on May 25, 1992, demanding reinstatement of the 4,200 fired workers, abolition of the contract labor system, a living wage, job security, safe working conditions, and prosecution of Niyogi's killers. The employers demanded stern action to put the movement down, though they did offer jobs to 500 of the 4,200 blacklisted workers. When the CMM insisted that all 4,200 be rehired employers broke off negotiations, leading to the July 1 shooting.

Workers continue to mount surprise demonstrations despite the intense repression, and have forced employers to raise wages from \$1.20 a day to \$20. The CMM has also built a school for workers' children and a hospital. (Information from *Asian Labor Update* #10)

The International Committee Against Repression reports that another independent union has been banned by authorities in the state of Medas, and that a film describing their struggle has been outlawed.



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battery and was sentenced to a fine of \$100 for court costs and ordered to stay away from Yang for a year. One week later, on November 13, 1992, Rosenfeld wrote a letter to Yang in which he fired Yang. He wrote Yang, "I regard Xia as an indispensable and essential co-investigator with me... The obvious friction between you and Xia creates an atmosphere inimical to the research and constitutes a situation I cannot tolerate in my laboratory." He told Yang not to return to the laboratory and threatened to have her arrested for criminal trespass if she did. He also told Yang that he was reporting his actions to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Northwestern University has stated that Yang was never an employee and so did not need to be paid, since she was listed on the university payroll as a visiting scholar. But Yang was not only promised payment by Rosenfeld, but also was issued an NU Faculty/Staff ID card and had filled out an NU employment form. In addition, in order to obtain a visa for Yang, Northwestern University had to inform the INS that she was receiving financial support from the university, specifying the amount. While Provost David Cohen has stated that this "incurs a potential obligation for [Northwestern University]," in practice it is the various departments which provide financial support, support which need not be in the amount stated on the visa.

The university has also issued a statement that Yang had signed a letter which stipulated that she would not be compensated by Northwestern University during her stay. Yang denies ever seeing, let alone signing, such a letter, and the university has refused to produce a copy of the letter.

Northwestern University offered Yang \$32,000, which is the amount of back pay due her, to settle the matter. She has turned this down, and is suing

## I. W. W:n Periaatejulistus

Työväenluokalla ja työnantajaluokalla ei ole mitään yhteistä. Mitään rauhaa ei voi olla niin kauan kun näitä ja puutteita on olemassa miljoonilla työlläsiillä ja niillä harvoilla, jotka muodostavat työnantajaluokan, on kaikki elämän hyvydet.

Näiden kahden luokan välillä käyty taistelu jatkaa siihen saakka kunnes maailman työlläiset järjestävät luokkana, ottavat haltuunsa maan ja tuotantotekijät ja poistavat palkkajärjestelmän.

Me huomaamme, että teollisuksien johdon keskittyminen yhä harvempiin ja harvempiin käsiin tekee ammattiliitot kykenemättömiksi pitämään puoleen työnantajien luokan alati kasvavaa valtaa vastaan. Ammattiliitot pitävät yllä sellaista esitelmää, joka sallii yhä työlläisjoukkoa käytettävään toista työlläisjoukkoa vastaan samassa teollisuudessa, siten auttaen toinen toisensa häviöön saattamista palkkatalouksessa. Tämän lisäksi ammattiliitot auttavat työnantajain luokkaa johtamaan työlläisiä siihen harhailuun, että työväenluokalla ja työnantajaluokalla on yhteisiä etuja.

Tämä asiantila voidaan muuttaa ja työväenluokan edut säilyttää ainoastaan siten muodostetun järjestön avulla, jonka kaikki jäsenet yhdessä teollisuusvaltaa, tai kaikilla aloilla, jos välittämättömästi, lakkaavat työstä milloin lakko tai työnsulkua on julistettu jossakin järjestön osassa, siten tehden loukkauksen yhä vastaan luokkajärjestelmän poistamiseksi.

Vanhallaan mieltäsuuseen, "Tyydyttävä päiväpalkka työlläisille" asemasta meidän on kirjoitettava lippuamme vallankumoukselliset tunnukset, "Palkkajärjestelmän poistaminen."

Työväenluokan historiallinen tehtävä on kapitalismin tuhoaminen. Tuotannon armeijaa on järjestettävä ei ainoastaan jokapäiväisissä taisteluissa vaan kapitalistien vastaan, vaan myöskin johtamaan tuotantoa, siten kun kapitalismi on kukistettu. Järjestymällä teollisuusvoimien me muodostamme uutta yhteiskuntarakennetta vanhan kuoren sisään.

the university to get her job back, to receive her back pay, and to gain compensation for her medical expenses and for the damage which has been done to her future career as a result of this affair.

On March 5, 1993, nearly seven months after Yang was assaulted by Xia, and nearly five months after she was fired, Xia was fired by Northwestern University for an unspecified "pattern of misrepresentation and deception" in bringing Yang to the United States. While this is a step in the right direction, this seems to be merely an attempt to minimize the damage to the university by making Xia the scapegoat. In this way, the university hopes to evade the question of the accountability of Rosenfeld and other members of the university administration for this whole mess.

What has happened to Yang is a clear case of exploitation and abuse, something which also takes place at other universities and corporations. These institutions take advantage of the dependence which Asians and Asian Indians have upon the organizations that, as in the case of Yang, sponsor their stay in the United States. As Lee Maglaya of Asian Human Service in Chicago points out, "The employers don't tell them of their rights, and they threaten them with the loss of their special immigration labor certificates. They tell them, 'Hey, you're very lucky just to be here.'" --X341878

## International Notes

### Women Work Longer, Earn Less:

The International Labor Organization has confirmed what many suspected--women work longer hours but get less pay for their efforts. Women, who make up more than half of the world's total population, receive barely 10 percent of the world's income, according to ILO statistics.

Women and men work the most hours in eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union where men strive for about 63 hours and women 70. In western Europe, men complete about 44 hours of work in a week while women put in some 49 hours. Asian men work 49 hours and women 62 hours. African men work an average of 54 hours a week while women do work equivalent to 55 hours, the document said.

In Latin America and the Caribbean, men work an average of 55 hours weekly while women strive for about 60 hours.

"Women wake up at five o'clock in the morning and sleep at 11 in the evening, but they receive no income--sometimes not even kind words," said Costa Rican Feliciano Gonzalez. She works 18 hours a day. In the morning, she prepares food for her husband, 5 children and 2 nephews; then she sows rice, corn and beans for the family's consumption. In the afternoon she does the house chores, attends to the children's needs and cooks dinner. Then she has to sew bags and clothes to sell for extra income.

**India General Strike Canceled:** A planned one-day strike on March 19 was called off after the government agreed to meet most of the demands submitted by the Indian National Trade Union Congress. The union had called for a cost-of-living allowance and lifting of the ban on wage negotiations in the public sector.

**IMF Austerity and Death:** Inter Press Service reports that Kota Vijaya Laxmi, a mother of three, has written India's supreme court for permission to commit suicide. Laxmi's husband worked as a technical assistant in a state-run textile mill in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh until 1991, when the government laid him off as part of efforts to comply with World Bank and International Monetary Fund requirements. He died 6 months later in an accident.

Saddled with the responsibility of bringing up three children, the eldest mentally-retarded, Laxmi approached mill management for a job. Instead they told her to vacate the house allotted to her husband while he was employed. Her options exhausted, she wrote to India's apex court. An estimated 450,000 people in 246 state-run firms are being laid-off. Very few have been able to find new jobs.

### Solidarnosc Construction Workers form Strike Committee:

Some 3000 unionists demonstrated in Warsaw March 18 to press the union's long-standing demands to create a job protection program and finance construction of new housing. The union says it will strike if the government does not meet its demands.

### South African Wage Limits:

COSATU affiliates in the health, education and municipal sectors, together with independent unions representing school teachers and university and prison staff are organizing against a government cap of 5% on salary increases (compared to the 10% inflation rate). Workers' anger is exacerbated by recent reports that cabinet ministers and senior civil servants enjoy huge perks such as housing subsidies of US\$35,000 and more a year, while most black teachers earn less than US\$350 a month.



# Left Side



Since balmy days are finally back with us, at least for the next couple of months, yours truly is once more regaled with the hum and drone of power mowers outside his door. Yours truly had gotten rid of his own old-fashioned push-it-yourself lawn mower some years back when the grass was no longer growing on the little patch of uncovered Mother Earth that remained between the sidewalk and the street. Said old-fashioned mower was left in the alley next to the garbage can for some independent salvage entrepreneur to make a few pennies.

Recently some new gas lines were laid and with the tearing up of the Earth, the contractors dutifully relandscaped and resodded the patches of unadorned real estate betwixt the sidewalk and the street and once again, the grass luxuriates in front of the domicile of yours truly. Luxuriating so well that it was beginning to resemble a miniature jungle, which though most unconventional in the eyes of the neighbors, was esthetically pleasing to the eyes of your humble scribe. Fellow Worker Wife, being of more practical temperament insisted that said patch of pristine wilderness be brought into more acceptable harmony with those of the neighbors, if only to maintain more congenial relationship with the denizens of our block; and thus my fond dream of being the unique possessor of a bonsai jungle suffered an early demise.

Conceding to the practicality of Fellow Worker Wife, I proceeded calling the hardware and home appliance stores in search of a new lawn mower. I was flabbergasted by the prices until I realized that those were prices for power-mowers that were either gasoline driven or attached to long electric cords and these were the only type of mowers available in most outlets. I finally succeeded in finding a hardware store that sold the old-fashioned human-power mower. What I paid close to a hundred smackers for was not as good as the one I left in the alley a few years ago, but at least our little patch of grass is in harmonious conformity with the other patches of grass in the neighborhood.

I remember one acquaintance proudly showing me his power-driven toothbrush and extolling the convenience of not having to move his arms back and forth while brushing his teeth. Somehow he did not appreciate my suggestion that he could save on electricity as well as the fatigue of his arm by rapidly moving his head from side to side. As you know, there are also power-driven carving knives, shoe buffers and what have you. I shudder to think what the future bodes for the bathroom commode and its role of toilet paper, and I shiver at the thought that I may be planting an idea into the head of some capitalistic entrepreneur who may read this. (Rest assured, Fellow Worker reader, even though far too few of our class read periodicals like ours, the minions of the other class

are still keeping tabs on purveyors of dangerous ideas like ours. Only recently I happened to read about certain people paying \$360 a day to attend seminars on union-busting, despite the fact that unions today are for all purposes back to ground zero.)

What is being harped on here is the obscenity of rampant consumerism and its deleterious effects on what remains of our energy resources. Despite all the glorious verbiage during our occasional "Earth Days" the rain forests are disappearing at the rate of a township a second as the ozone hole over Antarctica grows larger, the hucksters continue to exhort those of us who still have a little cash to spend, to avail ourselves of more "energy-saving" devices and letting us know in no uncertain terms that our lives won't be complete without them.

Our antediluvian forebears managed to evolve to our present state of high culture with little of the material culture that we now take for granted. They certainly managed without power mowers, power toothbrushes and certainly without that segment of our species whose only talent is to load us down with so many things we don't really need, just so we can work our derrieres off paying installments.

Remember when anyone says, "Have we got a good thing for you," the 'you' is invariably the phonetic rendering of the 21st letter of the alphabet closely followed by the 19th letter! But apologists for the status quo will protest that the continued manufacture of such devices creates jobs and helps the economy. It sure as Hell ain't helping the homeless dude who happens to be panhandling on the streets and who doesn't even have a job manufacturing such devices. It can be safely left up to the reader's powers of deduction as to who's economy it is helping.

Stop chopping down trees and stop spilling oil into our oceans while there is so much rock that can be cut into building blocks and so much Earth that can be baked into bricks. The Sun that shines above us is an inexhaustible energy source if we only have the opportunity to put our scientists to work extracting that energy, we can stop putting empty holes in our Mother Earth. This Earth upon which we reside has everything we need if we learn how to live in harmony with Her and treat Her right. My Comanche artist friend tells me that the Earth is a Mother to all of us and as a Mother will treat us with generosity but will also not hesitate to punish us if we do not treat her with respect.

The ozone hole and the polluted cities and waterways should serve as a warning to do something about those among our species who have no respect for the Earth nor for their own species. As Mahatma Gandhi so wisely pointed out that this Earth has enough for everybody's needs but not a thing for anybody's greed!

CC Redcloud

## On Banning the Ban on Gays in the Military

You looked at me angrily, eyes into mine: "You're bisexual -- there are people who hate you for that, who find that disgusting." Yes, I'm aware of that. I have nightmares about being attacked for that reason.

Listen, how can I be against equal rights, even in an institution whose role is to enforce inequity abroad and in the streets of this country? Why not lift the ban on gays (if there is one) in the secret police, the CIA?

All I'm tryin' to say is that I find it hard to get enthusiastic about the ban being lifted, when there is so much poverty and suffering not being addressed, right in the street below my window. I'm more likely to be persecuted for my political views than my sexual orientation. I saw this with the whole End Up affair. People in the gay/lesbian "community" hated us for that. Deke was threatened more than once. But, considering the revolutionary goals of the IWW maybe we shouldn't have been in the face of this community. With gay rights under attack and the inadequate response of the government to AIDS, maybe it was wrong to challenge a boss at a gay nightclub. Many have said this.

I guess I'm just an idealist anarchist doomed to irrelevance by a society of people strugglin' to get their piece of a rotten pie. Even though the whole thing stinks, everyone's afraid to throw it out. It's all they know. Better to eat the thing, getting sick every day of their life, than to go hungry for a couple days whilst we prepare a new banquet. This reminds me of a little cartoon by Wilhelm Reich, where "the little man" looks back to see that the chain on his leg is broken -- and exclaims, "Oh, no!"

Yeah, so idealistic, impractical, unrealistic -- terms which remind me of my stepmother getting on my shit for spending so much time reading, writing and drawing. "Why don't you do something useful," she'd quip. My father, who encouraged my creative pursuits responded, "If everyone thought like that we'd still be livin' in caves." One of the few times he came to my defense. It is the visionaries who move the society forward; the dreamers and idealists. The idea of a society based on principles of equality, collective decision making, production for use not profit, elimination of hierarchies -- these are inspiring! The middle of the road, reformist liberal agenda is not.

You suggest that it's useless to fight against militarism, 'cause the military "will always" be there. Are anti-militarists wrong because their goals, according to you, can't be realized? Remember the woman who destroyed those computers at Vandenberg Air Force Base? What of all the activists hiking out to Ground Zero at the Nevada Test Site? If all these people are hopelessly idealistic, what does that say about anti-capitalists?

There is in this society a high price to pay for being an effective activist. Think of the bridges Judi Bari helped build between timber workers and environmentalists. This was a real threat to the whole cut-and-run corporate establishment, and she almost paid the ultimate price. How many political lobbyists are threatened with death? Look at the Sierra Club with their corporate sponsors -- supposedly

protecting the environment, but how many threats do they receive? Any effective movement towards real social change will be confronted with the full arsenal of the state. I don't find the liberal lobbyists inspiring, but I do find what Judi has done/is doing very inspiring. She wants radical social change; does that make her an irrelevant idealist?

For the system to perpetuate itself with corporate and state structure intact, it must *recuperate*. It does this through the process of *co-optation*. Allow more people to participate in the dominant institutions, and the system continues to legitimize itself. Social movements are bought off with small rewards. The decaying institutions, whether they really serve us or not, are revitalized by allowing participation by so-called minorities. The "liberalization" of the institution removes it from the line of fire. So the military *allows* gays openly, but still acts as the policeman of the mega-corporation and the state, brutalizing their perceived enemies.

In order for the system to continue it must give the appearance of inclusiveness. But the fact remains it is a repressive hierarchy, cannibalistic competition continues, the profit motive which knows no bounds continues to be the motivating factor of human activity. Herbert Marcuse came up with the term "repressive tolerance" -- the establishment tolerates differing points of view, lending legitimacy to acceptance of the establishment. But the system is likened to a benevolent father who, because he delivers the goods (an exciting array of consumer goods and individual "rights"), deserves veneration and respect. Thus we move from the brutality of industrial capitalism to Brave New World.

The only way real qualitative social change is going to occur is through a mass movement depending on widespread civil disobedience, with too many of us acting to simply knock us off. This will take education in critical thought, which questions the present and frees up the possibilities of the future, possibilities that can only be determined by free play of the imagination. Acceptance of things as they are and liberal institutions used to achieve reformist, piecemeal changes in the system, kills imagination.

With our blind trust in science and the scientific method, we scoff at our visions and the possibility of liberation. These are not hypotheses to be proved or disproved. A vision of the future consists of a desire for a qualitatively different reality. Desire is the key and is so often killed in us at a young age. We are taught to mistrust our desires at an early age, and to defer to the experts -- the politicians, planners and CEOs. The moment one accepts this reality is the moment desire perishes. If that didn't happen, we would create a world that reflects ourselves, instead of this ugly, profit-driven machine.

If lifting the ban on gays, lesbians and bisexuals makes the Masters of War squirm, I'm all for it. Considering the homophobia of the conservative and military elite, it could play a role in bringing down the military once and for all.

--"Big" Bill Dunham

## Arms Traders Return to Ottawa

Last March, the Congress Centre hosted an event named "Peacekeeping '93", attended by the same governments (including some infamous human rights abusers) and arms companies as ARMX, held some years ago at Lansdowne Park in Ottawa. In both cases, most of the displays were hi-tech military weapons and the event essentially linked buyers and sellers. ARMX was hit by a three-day protest of about 3000. On March 16th, the first day of "Peacekeeping '93," protestors attempted to push past police lines in order to gain access to the conference and some did for several seconds. That same evening, many organizers, including the IWW, met at a conference of anti-war groups called Peacex, where networking was done with various anti-racist, native, and environmental groups. The following afternoon they held a protest, where the Wobs flung a hastily-prepared banner reading "Death Merchants Burn in Hell" from the roof of the Congress Centre.

According to the death merchants, all of these events were nothing but an "annoyance," even though the events received wide media coverage, on radio, television, and on front pages of mainstream local newspapers.

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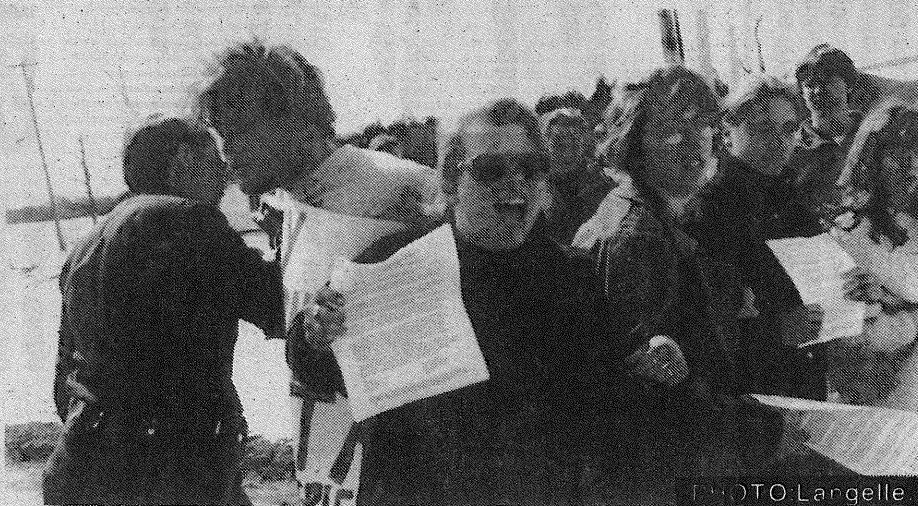
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# Border Blockade!



**US Border Patrol officer (left) tries to move anti-NAFTA demonstrators blockading the Canadian border near Highgate, Vermont**

# FORCED LABOR

at Northwestern U

## The Case of ZENG-LI YANG

Zeng-Li Yang, who was earning \$200 a month as a technician in a medical college in Beijing, received a letter nearly three years ago from psychology professor Joel P. Rosenfeld, inviting her to assist in a research project being funded by the National Institutes of Health. The letter, written on university stationery, stated that she would "train and work in [Rosenfeld's] laboratory from 9/1/90 to 5/31/93" and would "be paid \$12,000 a year."

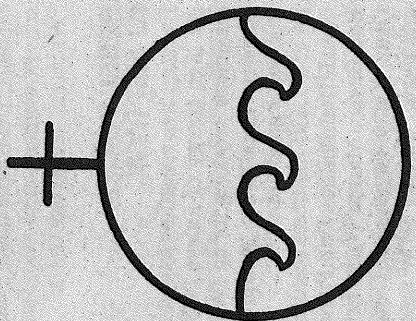
When she arrived at Northwestern, she was assigned to work with Lang Xia, a former teacher of Yang's in China, who was working as a research associate under Rosenfeld. Although she had accepted Rosenfeld's offer, she was not paid a cent for her research work, and had to take part-time jobs chopping vegetables in a campus cafeteria for \$4.25 an hour.

Yang, who has only a marginal command of English, had feared that if she complained to her supervisors she would be fired and deported. Her husband, who came to the United States with their daughter to join his wife last year, finally confronted Xia about the situation on August 12, 1992. The next day, when Yang arrived at work Xia attacked Yang, punching her several times and shoving her to the floor. As a result of this attack she incurred \$3,000 in medical and hospital bills and requires physical therapy for her injuries.

Xia pleaded guilty to misdemeanor  
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**IT'S TIME TO MAKE WAVES**

The symbol for National Women's Strike Day shows 3 waves, representing 3 major historical eras of the women's movement. The first, in 1920 won women the right to vote; the second during the 1960's found women greater social freedom; and now a third wave of women are daring to voice their economic worth to society with a confidence that goes deeper than anger.



The phrase, "It's time to make waves," expresses the impatience women feel about inequities which have persisted, the continuing devaluation of their work, and a clumsy, male-dominated justice system that has often worked against women as they have attempted to be heard.

"Making waves" means shaking things while not losing the ability to flow.

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S STRIKE DAY  
-- October 14, 1993.**

Following is a list of ways you can participate.

1. Expenses include rent of office, phone system & long distance, printing and advertising, postage & mailings. Ideas being put into action include local fundraisers, sale of NWSO logo items (T shirts and mugs) and soliciting

- donations.
2. Local organizers are needed in all areas nationwide to make a strike happen and generate media attention.
3. Each woman should become a representative within her own sphere of influence, workplace family and friends. We will all be organizers and leaders. This is how women work best. Become educated about issues, learn how to respond.
4. Write letters throughout the year to local newspapers and Congresspeople about the strike and its underlying issues.
5. Written items for the newsletter are welcome, addressed to the strike office for printing in the newsletter.

**Alternatives -- Not every working woman can participate in a strike.**

- \* Wear a white armband on strike day (October 14) to demonstrate your solidarity with other working women. You can also draw the logo on the armband.
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**WARNING** -- not everyone will support your efforts to organize NWSD. Employers, managers and owners may be threatened by your activities or see you as a troublemaker. Therefore, be savvy, be shrewd, think long term, don't do anything to endanger your job. For example, if you post literature, do it anonymously.

The National Women's Strike Day depends on individuals like you. So ponder, imagine, visualize and vocalize how a strike could serve to elevate the situations of working women and improve your life and the lives of your family members. Make cheques payable to NWSD.

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